

Future of Wallsburg's water under question

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Provo Canyon Sewer District, of which Wallsburg is a member, is presently under fire from the Utah County Commissioners, and has Wallsburg residents wondering what they can do.

A survey, which was made by James Montgomery Engineering of Boise, Ida., has revealed some very interesting problems which exist in many parts of the service district.

For purposes of study, the district was divided into seven subdistricts and the most economic and viable solutions for

handling the sewer problems in each area.

Wallsburg and surrounding areas has been divided into three main areas with the remainder of the district being further down the canyon.

The subdistricts are:

1. Wallsburg Subdistrict — Intermediate remedial action is warranted because of potential health hazards associated with water quality degradation. A community septic tank/soil absorption

system is feasible at an estimated cost of \$1.3 million.

2. Wallsburg Ridge Subdistrict— Requires no action now since there is no development.

3. Round Valley Subdistrict— No action is taken since there is no evidence that the existing dwelling are degrading water quality.

Phil Wright, County Health Department, states that the problem does exist in the first subdistrict, and the city council and area residents are well aware of the problem, and are urgently seeking a solution to the culinary pollution problem.

"What we're going to do is take a look at the homes around the spring and see if they are dumping directly into the spring," stated Wright of the situation.

Edwards awarded \$6,200

Final HVSSD trial

The last in a series of trials, the Sheldon Edwards trial concluded with the awarding of \$6,200 per acre for the land that was condemned by the Heber Valley Special Service District.

The proceedings lasted four days and is the last of several court trials brought on by the Special Service District during the building of the treatment facilities and irrigations. Most cases were settled out-of-court.

"The sole issue of the hearing was to determine the fair market value," explained Gary Dodge, of Rooker, Larsen, Kimball and Parr, Attorneys-At-Law.

The Honorable Judge Robert Bullock presided over the trial and listened as Attorney Keith Rooker and M. Dayle Jeffs presented

opposing views of the appraisals. Attorney Rooker reported that the appraisal was to be based on the amount of value in 1979 when the property was condemned.

After the jury heard the opinion of expert appraisers, they deliberated only three hours before returning with a high value of \$6,200 per acre.

It was also suggested that the Special Service District buy a 7.7 parcel that was not condemned, bringing the total amount to 112 acres. Apparently, the Edwards felt that they didn't want to farm such a small parcel.

"The amount was very close to what we were proposing," said Dodge, in consideration of the amount the district was going to pay.

According to the report by Montgomery, several homes which surround the spring, use septic tanks. These tanks are seeping effluent directly into the culinary system of Wallsburg.

The County Health Department has ordered dyes which will be deposited into each of the sewage systems of the homes near the spring. This type of dye is so potent, that even a minute amount can be detected in the water.

The county hasn't done any actual testing, but are relying solely on the reports accuracy. Expense will hamper the county somewhat in their investigation.

It seems impossible that the people of Wallsburg would want to go with the 1.3 million collection system, since the population would have to share a burden of almost \$20-30,000 per household.

State Immunization Law

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The new State Immunization Law passed by the last legislature, says that any student should not be allowed admission to school next fall unless the parents have furnished verification that their student has completed his immunizations.

This affects all school children through the 12th Grade. Requirements are a minimum of 4 DPT or DT (with a booster every ten years), 3 Polio, and one each of measles, rubella, mumps.

A child may be exempt for medical, religious or personal reasons, but the parent must sign a waiver. These waiver forms will be available at the individual schools or the Wasatch County Health Department.

Parents, please begin now to

collect the necessary records. Also, any immunizations that are needed can be given, starting now.

Special Immunization Clinics will be available in the Junior and Senior High Schools during the noon hour on March 25, April 15 and May 20. It will be necessary for a parent to accompany the student to update immunization records and give written consent for any immunizations still needed. There will be an administration fee of \$2 per student. The regular Immunization Clinic at the courthouse will still be held between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. the first Thursday of each month. Immunizations are also available from your family physician.